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| In re Application of: | : | |
| HSIAO, Wen-Laun Wendy, et al. | : | DECISION ON RENEWED |
| U.S. Application No.: 10/516,864 | : | PETITION UNDER |
| PCT No.: PCT/US03/20587 | : | 37 CFR 1.47(a) |
| Int'l Filing Date: 27 June 2003 | : | |
| Priority Date: 28 June 2002 | : | |
| Attorney's Docket No.: 32144183.4 | : | |
| For: PLASMA OR SERUM MARKER | : | |
| AND PROCESS FOR DETECTION | : | |
| OF CANCER | : | |

In a decision mailed by this Office on 17 February 2006, applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) was dismissed without prejudice for failing to satisfy all the requirements of a grantable petition. Specifically, petitioner had not submitted an acceptable declaration executed by the cooperating inventor on behalf of the non-signing inventor, and applicants had not provided an express statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor.

On 30 March 2006, petitioners filed the renewed petition considered herein. The renewed petition includes the required statement of the last known address of non-signing inventor Sze-Chuen Cesar WONG. The renewed petition also includes a declaration executed by co-inventor Wen-Luan Wendy HSIAO and containing an unsigned signature block for the non-signing inventor.

Applicants' 30 March 2006 submission satisfies the remaining requirements for a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a). Accordingly, the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The application is accepted without the signature of non-signing inventor Sze-Chuen Cesar WONG.

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(a), a notice of the acceptance of the application will be published in the Official Gazette, and a letter informing the non-signing inventor of the application will be forwarded to the inventor's last-known address, as set forth in the renewed petition.

The application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations for further processing. The date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) is 30 March 2006.



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Dear Sze-Chuen Cesar WONG:

You are identified as an inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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